

It is to the eternal merit of our country and this august body that we honored the Rebbe's outstanding and enduring contributions toward world education, morality, and acts of charity, by awarding him the Congressional Gold Medal posthumously. His efforts for the betterment of education for all Americans are also recognized annually by the President of the United States, marking Education and Sharing Day USA each year on his birthday, calling on all Americans to reflect and act on the critical importance of moral and ethical education, especially for our youth.

This year, our country will celebrate Education and Sharing Day on April 12, corresponding to the 11th day of Nissan on the Jewish calendar. This year is a milestone year when we celebrate the 120th anniversary of the Rebbe's birth.

As our minds and hearts are never far from the people of Ukraine and the brutal war they are enduring, it is surely Providential to recognize and reflect on the life lessons of someone so exceptional, who was himself born and raised in Ukraine.

The Rebbe was born in Nikolaev, Ukraine in 1902, to Rabbi Levi Yitzchak and Rebbetzin Chana Schneerson. His family moved to Yekaterinislav, now Dinepr, where his father served as Chief Rabbi. During the Bolshevik revolution the Rebbe's childhood home became the epicenter for the many refugees flocking through Dinepr. In an act of love and sacrifice, the Rebbe, though only a child, gave away his own bed and food to allow those he had never met before to have a more comfortable and dignified life. That was the example his parents set. This was the life he lived.

His mother would recall that once, when the family was in hiding during a brutal pogrom, the Rebbe who was three years old at the time, walked around the cellar of a pharmacy, and consoled and calmed the other terrified children who were hiding there. Later when he was nine years old, the Rebbe dove into the Black Sea to save the life of a boy who had fallen from the deck of a moored ship. The adult onlookers didn't feel confident enough to jump in. Those who witnessed this heroic act recalled the sacrifice the Rebbe had made that day. He himself collapsed, almost lifeless, soon after bringing the young boy to shore.

These stories are emblematic of the Rebbe's life; the sacrifice and deep sense of responsibility for all who cry out for help. The call of those drowning and no one hearing their cries. For people calling out for moral guidance in a world engulfed in darkness, the Rebbe rose to this historic calling offering guidance and leadership.

The Rebbe grew up under the oppression of communism, his father stood firm, displaying courage and sacrifice, leading his family and community in the Jewish religious resistance across Ukraine.

From his humble one room office in New York, the Rebbe built and maintained a clandestine network of operatives throughout the USSR. Young couples were inspired by his teachings, and he sent them to make what was then significant sacrifices for western raised kids, to devote themselves completely to the needs of others, in foreign lands.

With the fall of communism, the Rebbe was able to ensure that those underground activities sprouted forth and quickly developed thriving Jewish communities, creating unprecedented Jewish infrastructure, serving hundreds of communities across the USSR, and resulting in the golden era of Ukrainian Jewry for the last 30 years.

Right now, during the current Russia-Ukraine war, it is the hundreds of Chabad-Lubavitch representatives of the Rebbe, and

their thousands of employees and volunteers, who are at the forefront of the humanitarian, social and religious efforts being provided for the refugees and their loved ones left behind.

Overnight they have transformed their schools, synagogues, and orphanages into centers for humanitarian relief, shelters, and call centers.

The Rebbe's message is clear and serves as an important calling for all of us. We must put ourselves aside and be ready to sacrifice for the needs of others. With this urgent sense of responsibility and love, we will make the world a better place. This is what the Rebbe's people are doing in Ukraine. This is the life he exemplified. This is what we can all do.

2022 WINTER OLYMPIAN RECOGNITION AND GAINESVILLE DAR 100TH ANNIVERSARY RECOGNITION

HON. KAT CAMMACK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 11, 2022

Mrs. CAMMACK. Madam Speaker, I am proud to recognize Mr. Joey Mantia on the remarkable achievement of winning a Bronze Medal for speedskating in the Men's Team Pursuit at the 2022 Winter Olympics. I commend Mr. Mantia and his teammates for the commitment, hard work, and effort dedicated to this hard-fought victory, what an honor it is to be able to represent the United States of America at such a level. As a 28-time world champion and world recordholder, he knows the hard work and dedication it takes. May he continue to make Florida and our country proud with his persistence.

I am proud to recognize Ms. Erin Jackson on winning the Gold Medal in the Women's 500m Short Track Speed Skate at the 2022 Winter Olympics. This victory is well deserved, as I know it reflects the hard work and dedication Ms. Jackson has put in throughout her life. Not only does Ms. Jackson hold the title as a gold medalist, but as the first black woman to medal in speedskating at the Winter Olympics and the first American to win this event since 1994. May she continue to make Florida and our country proud with her persistence.

I am proud to recognize Ms. Brittany Bowe on winning the Bronze Medal in the Women's 1000m Long Track Speed Skate at the 2022 Winter Olympic Games. I commend Ms. Bowe for the commitment, hard work, and effort she put into this hard-fought victory. As the winner of gold and silver medals at the World Single Distance Championships, she knows the hard work and dedication is what it takes to get to where you are today. May she continue to make Florida and our country proud with her persistence.

I am proud to recognize the 100th anniversary of the Gainesville chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution. The Gainesville chapter was founded on April 2, 1922 to promote historic preservation, education, and patriotism. I am happy to recognize all the good that the Gainesville chapter does in their community. Members volunteer in their local communities including supporting active-duty military personnel and assisting veteran patients, awarding scholarships and fi-

nancial aid each year to students, and supporting schools for underserved children. Here's to the next 100 years.

TRIBUTE TO THE LIFE OF FORMER STATE SENATOR GLORIA TANNER

HON. DIANA DeGETTE

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 11, 2022

MS. DeGETTE. Madam Speaker, I rise today along with my colleagues, Congressman ED PERLMUTTER, Congressman JOE NEGUSE, and Congressman JASON CROW, to recognize the life and achievements of former Colorado State Senator Gloria Tanner, who passed away on Monday, April 4, 2022, at the age of 86. Gloria was a courageous leader who dedicated her life to improving the lives of other Coloradans. She was also a friend and mentor to so many in the Denver community, including all of us.

Before Gloria's trailblazing record of service began in Colorado, her life's journey started in Atlanta, Georgia, where she was born on July 16, 1934. Decades later, the chance to earn a living while attending school brought her to Colorado. In 1972, Gloria became a reporter at the Denver Weekly News, which at the time was a prominent African American newspaper. While working as a reporter, Gloria determinedly pursued her education goals—first at Denver's Metropolitan State College where she graduated magna cum laude with a degree in political science, and then later at the University of Colorado where she earned her master's degree in Urban Affairs.

Gloria's celebrated career included many historic firsts, including serving as the state's first African American woman elected to the State Senate and the second African American woman elected to a leadership position in the State House of Representatives.

In 1976, after graduation, Gloria worked for Colorado's then Lieutenant Governor George Brown, a historic figure in his own right, and later for Colorado State Senator George Groff in 1978. In 1985, Gloria was elected to the Colorado House of Representatives, where she quickly rose through the ranks of leadership, eventually serving as the Democratic caucus's minority leader. Then in 1994, when Senator Groff retired, Gloria was appointed to replace him in the State Senate and spent her remaining years representing her beloved District 33.

What made Gloria so special was her relentless drive to serve and uplift the voices of those who our society often has difficulty hearing. Throughout her 17 years in the legislature, Gloria fought tirelessly for civil rights, successfully passing several landmark pieces of legislation aimed at improving the lives of women, families, workers, and minority communities in Colorado. And that drive was, in part, what made her an effective advocate in the community outside of the state capitol. Not only did she found the Colorado Black Women for Political Action, an organization that still thrives today, but she also co-founded the Colorado Black Roundtable, the National Organization of Black Elected Legislators—Women (or NOBEL-Women), as well as the Gloria Tanner Leadership and Training Institute for Future Black Women Leaders of Colorado.